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NAVAL APPROPRIATIONS:

1. Hearings were begun before the Senate Naval Appropriations' Committee on the Naval Appropriation Act for the fiscal year 1925 during the present week.
2. There were certain additions made to the Act in the House which are of far reaching importance to the Navy. One is a proviso which makes it necessary for any one enlisted under the age of 21 to have consent papers before entering the Service. Effort will be made to have a reconsideration of this amendment.
3. The funds appropriated for the Training Stations at Newport and Hampton Roads and the Naval War College will also be taken up with the Committee. It is believed that the hearings will be completed within about one week.
4. An effort will be made to change the number of appointments to the Naval Academy allowed each Senator and Representative from three as carried in the Bill to four.

DISTRICT AND STATION CRAFT:

1. The Bureau has decided to consider duty on district and naval station craft that are actually seagoing vessels as sea duty, both for the purposes of alternating sea and shore duties, and for counting service required preliminary to advancements to chief petty officers, acting and permanent appointments.

JUNIOR OFFICERS IN THE RANKS INDICATED ON 26 MARCH, 1924.

LINE:

R. Adm. Frank H. Schofield
Captain Edward H. Watson
Comdr. Elmer W. Tod
Lt. Comdr. . . . John L. Hall

DENTAL:

Lt. Comdr. . . . Thos. L. Sampsell

SUPPLY:

R. Adm. Thos. S. Jewett
Captain Theo. J. Arms
Comdr. Emory D. Stanley
Lieut. Comdr. . . Jno. D. P. Hodapp

CIVIL ENGINEER:

R. Adm. F. R. Harris
Captain Geo. A. McKay
Comdr. Greer A. Duncan
Lt. Comdr. . . . Henry F. Bruns

MEDICAL:

R. Adm. Albert M.D. McCormick
Captain Holton C. Curl
Comdr. Richard A. Warner
Lt. Comdr. . . . Virgil H. Carson

CHAPLAIN:

Captain LeRoy N. Taylor
Comdr. Edwin B. Niver

CONSTRUCTION:

R. Adm. Robt. Stocker
Captain Emroy S. Land
Comdr. Garland Fulton
Lt. Comdr. . . . Frederick G. Crisp

DECLARATION AND REWARDS FOR DESERTERS AND STRAGGLERS:

1. The following changes in Navy Regulations, 1920 have been approved by the President, and became effective on February 29, 1924:
2. When a person has been absent without authority for more than 24 hours and has not communicated with his commanding officer giving reasons for his absence, a reward not exceeding \$25 shall be offered by the commanding officer for the delivery of the straggler into the custody of the Naval authorities at such place and within such time as may be prescribed in general or specific instructions issued by the Bureau of Navigation, or in case of a marine, by the Major General Commandant.
3. When a man is declared a deserter from a vessel or station within the continental limits of the United States his commanding officer shall immediately report such desertion to the Bureau of Navigation in the following form: (1) name of man, (2) Rate, (3) Service number, declared a deserter at (4) Place, (5) Date. Upon receipt of this information the Bureau will prepare and issue declarations and rewards with finger prints attached. No such declarations and rewards for a deserter will be sent from any command within the continental limits of the United States.

Commanding Officers will, however, notify the next of kin in each case by letter of the man's desertion.

4. Commanding Officers of vessels and stations within the continental limits of the United States shall issue such declarations for deserters as the circumstances may warrant.

5. By this plan the sending out of declarations and rewards has been centralized in the Bureau and the closest cooperation has been obtained from the various police departments throughout the country.

6. Since the system has been in operation the Bureau has sent out declarations and rewards on 431 deserters, an average of 14 per day. The total number of declarations and rewards with finger prints attached which have been sent to the police during this period is 2581.

7. As soon as a deserter is returned to the custody of the Naval authorities the declaration and reward sent out in his case is withdrawn from the various police departments to which it was sent.

DESERTERS:

1. The procedure of sending out finger prints with copies of declarations for deserters, laid down in Bureau's circular letter #15-24 is working satisfactorily. The declarations are mailed within 24 hrs. of receipt of the report of desertion in the Bureau. 3 Favorable comments have been received from the Police officials.

2. During the current fiscal year up to and including 24 March 1924, there have been 6180 declared deserters. There have been 2250 surrenders and 1449 deliveries, a percentage of returns of 59.8%.

SERVICE WHICH MAY BE COUNTED TOWARD PROMOTION TO CHIEF WARRANT RANK:

1. In accordance with a recent opinion of the Judge Advocate General, service as indicated may be counted by warrant officers in computing the six years necessary for promotion to chief warrant officer.

(a) Individuals appointed to temporary rank, then appointed to temporary commissioned rank, and appointed finally to permanent warrant rank, may count all service since the date of original temporary warrant except that in the case of pay clerks, service in that capacity only may be counted.

(b) Those who have served continuously as warrant officers since the date of temporary warrant may count all service since that date

(c). Those officers temporarily appointed in one warrant grade and subsequently appointed in a different warrant grade may count all service since the date of original temporary warrant.

(d). Officers first appointed to temporary commissioned rank and finally appointed to permanent warrant status may not count the prior service as temporary commissioned officer.

(e). Service in any capacity in the Naval Reserve Force is not to be counted for this purpose.

SEPARATIONS FROM THE ACTIVE LIST FROM 1 JANUARY, 1924 to 29 FEBRUARY, 1924, INCLUSIVE:

	<u>Ret.</u>	<u>Res.</u>	<u>Died.</u>	<u>Dism.</u>	<u>Discharged</u>	<u>Total</u>
Line	13	27	2	1		43
Medical	1	4	1	1		7
Supply				1		1
Chf. Warrants.	3					3
Warrants	3			1	1	5
Total						59

The following named chief warrant and warrant officers have been nominated to the Senate for appointment as Ensign in the Navy in accordance with the provision of the Act of Congress approved 3 March 1901 as amended.

Chief Gunner	Steve V. Edwards
"	"
	Frank S. Miller
Gunner	George W. Allen

NAVAL RESERVE ACTIVITIES:

1. The Commander in Chief, United States Fleet, acting in accordance with instructions from the Chief of Naval Operations, has directed the Commander of the Scouting Fleet to take up with Commandants of the First, Third, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth, Seventh and Eighth Naval Districts, questions concerning the training of members of the Naval Reserve Force during the summer of 1924 on vessels of the Fleet, which the Department believes is the best method of training Naval Reservists. Similar arrangements will be made for the training of reservists on the West Coast, if practicable.

2. Correspondence received in the Bureau indicates that there are a surprisingly large number of officers who are not physically qualified for reenrollment, confirmation or promotion, and the whole question of the legality of waiving minor physical defects has been taken up with a view to obtaining a decision of the Judge Advocate General in the premises.

3. The results of the examination of officers of the Naval Reserve Force for promotion in the only District which has completed the examination of Line Officers are given below:

Qualified	27%
Failed Professionally	23%
" Physically	36%
" to take exam.	14%

4. Captain Z. E. Briggs, USN. has reported in the Bureau as the relief of Captain K. M. Bennett who expects to be relieved in the near future as officer in charge of the Naval Reserve Division of the Bureau.

5. The Bureau regrets to report the death of Lieutenant Commander Sydney B. Austin, USNRF., Class 2, on March 3, 1924. It is reported that Lieutenant Commander Austin lost his life in a fire which destroyed his home at Mountain Lake Park, N.J.

6. A report of the death of Lieutenant Commander E. Falsen, USNRF. has only recently been received. Lieutenant Commander Falsen was Master of the S.S. CONEJOS which was lost with all on board in the Black Sea on December 23, 1923.

7. Commander Arthur I. Perry, USNRF. of Brooklyn, New York has been transferred to the retired list at his own request after more than twenty years service.

8. Hearings on the Department's Naval Reserve Bill have recently been completed in the Senate Committee. It is expected that hearings in the House committee will be started in the near future.

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1. HEARINGS BEFORE NAVAL COMMITTEES.

The hearings before the Senate Naval Appropriations Committee on the Naval Appropriation Act for the fiscal year 1925 have been completed, and a bill for this appropriation has been introduced into the Senate. Consideration of this bill in the Senate will probably begin on the 16th of April.

The appropriations for the Training Stations at Newport, Hampton Roads, and the War College were increased to \$250,000, \$260,000 and \$130,000, respectively.

There were no changes made in the number of appointments to the Naval Academy from the bill as passed in the House. The present bill calls for three appointments from each Senator and Representative.

Hearings were held on 15 April before the House Naval Committee on the Chief Warrant Officers' increased pay bill. Hearings will begin in the House on 16 April on the Equalization Bill, and this will be followed by hearings on the Naval Reserve Bill.

2. SIX MONTHS' GRATUITY.

It is requested that all commanding officers call attention of the officers and men under their commands to the following Act, approved 4 June 1920:

"That hereafter, immediately upon official notification of the death from wounds or disease, not the result of his or her own misconduct, of any officer, enlisted man, or nurse on the active list of the Regular Navy or Regular Marine Corps, or on the retired list when on active duty, the Paymaster General of the Navy shall cause to be paid to the widow, and if there be no widow, to the child or children, and if there be no widow or child, to any other dependent relative of such officer, enlisted man, or nurse previously designated by him or her, an amount equal to six months' pay at the rate received by such officer, enlisted man, or nurse at the date of his or her death."

Everyone concerned should check up and be sure that his beneficiary slip has been sent into the Bureau of Navigation. Cases have come to the notice of the Bureau where the first named beneficiary had died and the six months' gratuity pay was claimed by another relative, apparently genuinely dependent, in which payment could not be made as the law had not been complied with.

It will be noted that the six months' death gratuity is to be paid to the widow or child, neither of whom need necessarily be previously designated. Any other dependents must be designated or else there can be no payment of the six months' death gratuity.

3. ENLISTINGMEN FOR U.S.COAST GUARD.

The Bureau of Navigation will assist the Coast Guard in recruiting men for that service and will train them at Naval Training Stations.

4. COLLEGE ENGINEERING STUDENTS TO TAKE CRUISES.

The Navy Department desires to afford an opportunity for a number of engineering students from selected colleges and universities to study engineering installations on board naval vessels and has sent letters to about sixty institutions requesting that two junior students from each one be nominated to take a cruise of about two weeks duration during the coming summer. The period from 1 July to 15 July has been tentatively selected as the most suitable time. Students on the west coast will be assigned to vessels of the Battleship Divisions for this instruction and students on the east coast will be assigned to the Destroyer Squadrons of the Scouting Fleet.

5. NAVY EDUCATIONAL COURSES TO BE ADOPTED BY
COAST GUARD.

The U. S. Coast Guard, after examination of the Navy Educational courses, has made arrangements for these to be supplied to many of their units.

6. ADDITIONS TO NAVY EDUCATIONAL COURSES.

Within the past month the Training Division has placed in the hands of the Public Printer the following courses:

Rating courses for Cox., B.M. 2c, B.M. 1c, Chief B.M.
Rating courses for Q.M. 3c., Q.M. 2c, Q.M. 1c.
and Q.M. 7 Engineering subjects.
Rating courses for H.A. 2c. to H.A. 1c.
Rating course for Seaman to Gunner's Mate, 3c.

All of these courses will probably be available for distribution to the service within four months.

7. COMMENDATION FOR SEA 2CL. RALPH EMERSON KEADLE.

The Secretary of the Navy has commended Ralph Emerson Keadle, 2561867, Seaman, second class, U.S. Navy, a member of the crew of the U.S.S. MERCY, for his brave and gallant rescue of Odes Earl Blair, Painter, third class, U.S. Navy, on the afternoon of 27 January 1924 at San Juan, Porto Rico.

It appears that while returning from liberty on the above date Keadle noticed a number of natives standing on the Ferry Line dock and looking at something in the water. Upon hearing a cry from a man in the water Keadle ran to the edge of the dock and saw a man in sailor uniform about 40 feet from the dock. Without hesitation he dove overboard and brought him ashore. After getting him on the dock Keadle rendered first aid for about one-half hour and brought him around.

Keadle enlisted 27 September 1923; next of kin, mother, Mrs. Sophie Keadle, 23 Elizabeth St., Hagerstown, Md.

8. DISTRICT AND STATION CRAFT.

Referring to the Bureau of Navigation News Bulletin No. 42 of 2 April 1924 under Caption "District and Station Craft", the sea duty therein referred to is to be credited only to enlisted personnel.

Officers assigned to District and Station Craft will as heretofore be credited with shore duty for the purpose of alternating sea and shore duty.

9. HYDROGRAPHIC OFFICE:

The U.S.S. HANNIBAL is surveying the Gulf of Batabano on the South Coast of Cuba. The U.S.S. WRIGHT will visit the area and aeroplanes will make aerial photographs.

The U.S.S. NOKOMIS is surveying on the West Coast of Haiti working on a short stretch of coast which is necessary to complete the Haiti survey.

It is requested that Commanding Officers of vessels report to the Hydrographic Office their estimates of the value of the new tables for finding the line of position - H.O. No. 203.

Representative Fredericks has introduced a bill in Congress (H.R. 7961) authorizing the Secretary of the Navy to establish a Branch Hydrographic Office at Los Angeles, California.

Rear Admiral Albert P. Niblock, U.S.N. (Ret.), who has been elected a director of the International Hydrographic Bureau, has taken up his duties at Monaco.

The revised edition of the International Code of Signals contains pictures in colors of naval and mercantile flags of all nations. These pictures were made after most exhaustive study and investigation and are correct and complete. This publication will be distributed to ships in the near future as soon as received from the Government Printing Office.

10. INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE NAVY OF THE U.S. GOVERNING MARITIME WARFARE.

There has been issued a reprint of the book called "Instructions for the Navy of the United States governing Maritime Warfare". These are being distributed to the various ships and stations for library use, since it has been impossible to supply copies to each individual officer.